

# **THE SOUTHERN HAMSTER CLUB**

www.southernhamsterclub.co.uk

ESTABLISHED 1954

*Affiliated to the National Hamster Council*

Membership is open to all persons interested in Hamsters resident in the UK or overseas. We welcome members of any age, and those with no hamsters to those with a hundred or more.

The club aims to promote the responsible ownership of hamsters, whether you have one pet or are involved in breeding or exhibiting hamsters.

The S.H.C. has a section GOSH (The Group of Other Species of Hamster) for Dwarf Hamster owners and membership includes this also.

All members receive:-

1. A monthly journal sent by post, containing up-to-date Hamster news, articles, members letters and everything for the Hamster enthusiast.
2. Schedules for all SHC shows.
3. Advice at any time on any aspect of Hamster-keeping directs from an experienced breeder or judge.
4. The opportunity to exhibit Hamsters and win trophies and rosettes at our regular shows, which are held around Southern England throughout the year. There are classes for novice exhibitors and pets at most shows and sections for Dwarf and Syrian hamsters.
5. Booklet of Show Rules and Exhibition Standards.

## **Annual Subscription rates**

Adult. (may include one child but please give name and age) £15.00

Adult. partnership (may include up to three children, please give names and ages) £15.00

Group. (such as school or club) £15.00

Junior – under 16. (may include a sibling or friend, please give name and age) £15.00

Paperless membership £10.00

Associate member (must be a Full member of another NHC affiliated club) £5.00

Please state which NHC club you are already a FULL member of.....

You can also pay by PayPal, for more information visit the SHC website.

Further subscription information etc. to the secretary:-

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**Membership Form.** Please enrol me as a member of the Southern Hamster Club.

Please make Cheques or Postal Orders payable to SOUTHERN HAMSTER CLUB.

**I enclose:** (please tick)

Adult subscription.....£15.00  Associate membership..... £5.00

Partnership subscription.. £15.00  Paperless membership..... £10.00

Group subscription..... £15.00

Junior subscription..... £15.00

Name. (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Master)

Name & age of Juniors.

Address.

Postcode.

Telephone.

e-mail.

Prefix / name of Hamstery (if used). (You must have been a member of an NHC affiliated club for at least 1 year to register your prefix)

Are you able to take rescue hamsters?

Do you breed hamsters?

If yes which species and colours?

The club reserves the right to refuse membership without necessarily giving reason for so doing.

We keep our records on a computer file, so we have to have your permission under the Data Protection act. Please let us know if you have any objection to your records being included on computer.

# Types of membership

The types of club memberships available are:-

## FULL MEMBERSHIP £15.

For this members receive a monthly journal, schedules for shows, NHC & SHC handbooks/rulebooks, plus they have voting rights at club AGM's, they can take home trophies won at shows & enter the member's only classes at shows. You must also be a member to sell hamsters or items on the sales table.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP £5

To be an associate member of the Southern Hamster Club you **MUST** be a FULL member of another NHC affiliated club. Associate members will receive their journal from the club they are full members off, but they will have voting rights, can take home trophies from shows & can enter member's only classes at shows. You can also sell hamsters or other items on the sales table.

## PAPERLESS MEMBERSHIP £10

This is a FULL membership, so you have all the same rights as a full member, but, ALL your journals & paperwork is emailed rather than posted. This is open to UK & overseas members for £10

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership of your club is for one year from the month of joining (and not a calendar year). When your membership is due for renewal the secretary of the club/s you belong to will send you a renewal form.

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## Condition of membership

The National Hamster Council (NHC) promotes a high standard of hamster care & welfare. Therefore membership of an NHC affiliated club means you automatically agree to follow your clubs' rules and those of the constitution.

In addition, you also agree to follow the separate NHC codes of practice.\*

The NHC expects ALL its members to keep their hamsters in suitable housing, with some type of enrichment. There are no exceptions.

Failure to adhere to any of these could mean expulsion from your club.

\*The NHC codes of practice are printed in the NHC handbook.